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Intense Excitement Reigns at Mexican Border Over Latest Bandit Outrages

DASTARDLY ACTS OF VILLA FORCES STIRS INDIGNATION OF PEOPLE

State Department Demands Quick Action by Carranza Government and Calls for Full Details From Officials-Senate and House Would Authorize President to Use Army and Navy in Restoring Order in Mexico-Newspaper Man Gives Account of Recovery of Bodies of Americans -Mining Men Propose to Form Regiment to Clean Up Bandits.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 13.—The report that ten Americans tion of Chihuahua City assembled at and two English women had been murdered at Madeira could Monday evening to await the return not be verified here early today. Mexican officials at Juarez of the train which had left the same said troops were being dispatched to that place.

The Madeira telegraph operator reported there was no mines. truth in the report of ten American men and two English women being killed in Madeira.

son and Secretary Lansing today look-significant of the determination of ed to General Carranza for prompt the United States to enforce proteccompliance with the demand of the tion for its citizens in Mexico. United States government that he take immediate steps for the capture killed American citizens near Chihua-

The American demand was conveyed to Carranza in a note sent to him through Consul Silliman at Queretaro. It denounced the slaying of the Ameri cans as a "dastardly crime" and calls upon Carranza for the immediate pursuit, capture and punishment of the perpetrators of the deed. It also urgd the dispatch of troops to other districts where Americans are in danger

Officials Await Details. While anxiously awaiting Carranza's response the officials continued their efforts today to obtain all the facts bearing on the murders from consular officers in Mexico and along the border. They had been ordered to investigate and expedite their re-

Officials particularly wanted rotection in a zone known by it to be dangerous or whether the men lost their lives as the result of a bandit attack which could not have been

Latest Outrages Hold Attention.

The latest Mexican outrages con-tinued today to hold the almost undivided attention in official and congressional circles. There were no suggestions, however, that the American government would take further ted to sign it. action in the case beyond that already

Senator Sherman' resolution calling for foint intervention by the Pau-American nations, which led to recogultion of Carranas has been referred to the senate foreign relations' com-The committee is not expect-

ed to meet again before next week. Prospects are that the resolution will not then be favorably acted upon in view of the suggestion of Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations' committee that President Wilson be left to handle the situation for the present.

General Carranza's ambassador here today formally assured Secretary Lansing that the Carranza government deeply deplores the action of the Vila forces in killing 18 Americans near Chihuahua Tuesday" and added that efficient action will be taken to bring the murderers to justice."

He also gave assurances that General Carranza would take steps to remedy the situation in the state of depredations Durango in which against foreigners have been reported. There were no developments in the situation at the White House or at the state department, but in congress

both house and senate continued to give it attention. Would Empower President to Act. Senator Lewis, Democrat, introduc

ed a resolution proposing to empower the president to use the army and navy to restore order in Mexico as had been done in Haiti and Nicara-

He asked that it lay over without action however and there was no further debate at that stage

In the house Representative Slay den, Democrat of Texas, defended the recognition of General Carranza and declared that if order were not restored a Pan-American coalition of nations should do it.

Lansing Warns Americans. Secretary Lansing late today gave

is revolutionary trouble. The secretary stated that, so far as the steps taken by the Carranza sentations appeared to be satisfac-States would expect evidence of pun- ed and were not molested." ishment of the bandits who killed the Americans near Chihuahua and that

circumstances. Serious Issue May Arise.

Washington, Jan. 3.-President Wil- His last statement was regarded as

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 13.-Developand punishment of the bandits who ments in the Mexican situation moved with kaleidoscopic rapidity here to-

> Public feeling, stirred by the arrival of the bodies of 18 of the victims of the rald of Villa bandits at Santa Ysabel Monday, was further moved by the reported capture of General Jose Rodriguez. A message from Madeira announced his capture and the dispersal of his band by Americans and a few Carranza soldiers and contained an appeal from Americans for help "from whatever quarter it came."

> Campaign to Wipe Out Americans, Reports to the state department from local representatives were understood to express the belief that General Francisco Villa personally was back of an organized campaign to wipe out Americans in Chihuahua for re venge and in the hope that it would bring American intervention and break up the Carranza government.

Activities in civilian circles in know whether the murders were a movement to organize 1000 Amerdue to the failure of the de facto gov- ican mining men to run down Mexican five miles short of the scene of the ernment of Mexico to afford proper bandits. Sponsors of the project stated the proposal would be sumbitted to Carranza officials and their approval requested.

Appeal to Roosevelt.

A telegram appealing to Theodore having interests in Mexico be permit- there for some time. The report from Chihuahua that ten

Americans and two English women never get the bodies away. Joint Intervention Before Committee, had been killed at Madeira could not viewed him and finally got him to put

forwarded to their homes.

Special Train to Bring Americans. Chihuahua resulted today, it was said ably bandits, were just over the hill here, in preparation for special trains awaiting us. to bring the Americans out of the Para dlistrict at the shortest possible no ped the rise and waited there leisure tice. Some two hundred foreigners are in the district, for the most part employes of the Alvarado Mining com- to give us sixty mounted men to go pany, of which A. J. McQuatters, now with us, abreast of the train and on in New York, is the manager.

was current in Chihuahua that ten down-Americans and two English women had been killed Madelra. Chihuahua, according to that had halted the Watson party and Americans who arrived here early to- then our eyes fell upon a patch of day with the bodies of the eighteen white that showed up against the Americans who were killed last Mon-

One of the women was reported as the wife of Captain Jack Leftbridge, the bodies, stripped of all clothing but a retired British army officer, who, their undershirts. Some of them with an English woman companion, a Mrs. Berry, has been staying at the while without exception the features Babricora ranch, the Hearst property. As the train pulled in, thirteen American mining men reported that the body of Joe Enders, reported killed, was not with the recovered dead into the car. bodies.

F. E. Stephenson, secretary of the Mining and Smelter Men's association few yards when the engine left the of Chihuahua who organized the party track. Nearly an hour later we had it that recovered the bodies, said

Bodies Hard to Identify. "Some were hard to identify, for their heads were almost blown completely off. They were stripped of clothing before they were dragged out of the cars and killed. When we another warning to Americans in Mex- arrived at the scene of the massacre, finally secured permission to flag our ico to leave any districts where "there the Carranza guard remained at Santa

Ysabel. Near the scene of the massacre we mittee took charge of the bodies. found a band of bandits encamped. government on the American repre- We returned to the troop train to get 000 in silver currency apart from the a machine gun and then proceeded to personal belongings of the men. He added that the United the place where the bodies were heap was rumored in Chihuahua City that

Mexicans Fear Reprisals. Mexicans residing in El Paso, fearthe evidence would depend upon the ing reprisals on account of the tense situation, are seen upon the streets only on the most urgent business. Secretary Lansing said if proper News of the demonstration last night sent to Madeira. Later it developed and final steps were not taken an is- at the hotel of General Jose Ynez that 40 started but returned to Juarez one might arise between the United Salazar, former general in the Mexider a few hours.

can quarters where considerable un- | hua, wired by local representatives to easiness was apparent.

Early last night General Salazar received word from fellow countrymen that the feeling was running so high his safety on the American side was He immediately fled. crossing, it is believed, into Juarez.

An expedition which left Chihuahua City to recover the bodies of the eighteen slain Americans was informed by the station agent at Santa Ysabel that Benjamin Snell and Frank passed there. Woods, cattlemen, bound west, half an hour after the Watson train was reported in trouble. The station agent said he warned the two men to return, but they said they were armed and feared no trouble Nothing later was heard of the party and it is believed they met the fate of the Watson train.

Newspaperman Tells Story The story of the recovery of the bedies of the eighteen Americans as related by a newspaperman on the ex

pedition follows: "Almost the whole foreign populathe Mexico Northwestern terminal morning to take the Cusi officials and men out to restart work in the

"Unconfirmed reports had been re ceived during the afternoon of fate that had befallen them and the Mexicans who were allowed to return unmolested fully verified the sad

Mexicans Verify News.

"Said they, 'we saw them ordered off the car and then the shooting be gan, some ran but they are all dead. The Villistas told us to go back home and to tell the Carranzistas to send some troops out for them to get to work on.

"The foreigners hastened back to the club to await the result of an interview between Captain Scobell, the British consul, at present repre senting American interests in the ab sence of Mr. Letcher, and General Trevino.

"The general promised to send out troop train early in the morning He gave permission for all foreigners who cared to go along to carry arms to assist in recovering the bod ies. A number volunteered and later assembled at the Mexico Northwestern railroad depot.

'We waited from 3 a m. to 9 a. m. following train of three box cars and Ysabel, about thirty-five miles, and by two former Villa colonels.

Military Train Held Back. "Colonel Villineuva Garcia in command of the troops had already dis- assigned to shoot the Americans, who embarked some cavalry The military some distance ahead. Roosevelt to use his influence with train had a platform ahead of the encongress to bring "a change in the gine with three machine guns and circulated among bankers and busi- at Santa Ysabel the colonel decided the direction of Carretas. ness men with the proviso that no one to abandon the train, holding us The sun was getting low and we realized that if we did not complete our task we might sent by the Carranza authorities in be confirmed here. Neither was there ten soldiers in our train and permit huahua. verification for a rumor that three us to go ahead. We got within a Americans had been murdered in the mile of the tragedy when we were Cananea district, Sonora, stopped by two excited Mexicans who Bodies of the Santa Ysabel victims charged the crew to reverse the enstopped by two excited Mexicans who were being prepared for shipment and gine and we moved back to Santa Ysabel. We there found that the two men had been part of the train crew Co-operation of the Carranza con- of Watson's train and had been held sulates and the military authorities in prisoners and that troops, presum-

Presently their advance guard toply counting our force and sizing us up. "We finally persuaded the colonel which we had now mounted two machine guns. We got to the scene of El Paso, Texas, Jan. 13.-A report the tragedy just as the sun went

> "As the train came to a standstill rocky cut. Rifles in hand we jumped from the train and hastened up.

> "Heaped in a pile were fourteen of punctured with many holes Were were so disfigured by close shooting that identification was difficult.

> "We dropped our rifles and without speech ran for blankets to carry the When they were all loaded our es cort started back. We only moved a

> back on "Finally we got to Santa Ysabe about 9 o'clock that night to find all wires were down in the wind, but we suspected they had been cut by Villa who might be planning an attack upon us. We had a consulation and way home to Chihuahua City where

> early in the morning an active com-"The train had been looted of \$20, the bandits had been advised of the departure of the train with the mon Sixteen thousand dollars of the cash had belonged to Watson.

It was reported yesterday that 75 Mexican government soldiers had been

States and the Carranza government can army, spread rapidly to the Mexi- Deductions from events in Chihua

vention to break up the Carranza government. It was stated that local representatives of the state department believed General Villa deliberately family out of the country to relieve nimself of concern and restraint on their behalf, The department has been informed that Villa has directed

an attack on the mining camps of

the state department today, are be-

lieved to have stated that it appeared

that General Villa is personally back

of an organized campaign to wipe out

Americans in Chihuahua state for the

purpose of revenge and to bring inter-

Parral. Representatives of the Mexico Northwestern railway stated stoday that forty Mexican soldiers left Juar ez yesterday and had arrived at Casas Grandes en route to Madeira. They are held at Casas Grandes because of a defective engine

Rumor of More Murders.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 13.-A rumor was circulated here today to the effect that three Americans had been murdered in the Cananea district of Sonora in the vicinity of the Phelps Dodge property. It could not be veri

Collector Cobb at El Paso Officially Reports Death of Bert Kramer Near Guierra.

MEN TOLD TO SHOOT

Eighty-five Bandits in Firing Squad—Five Hundred Men in Reserve.

Washington, Jan. 13 .- The killing

of Bart Kramer, an American, by Mexican bandits was officially reported in dispatches to the state department today by Collector Cobb at El Tuesday for the soldiers to entrain Paso. The collector reported Kramer at 72 degrees. Galyeston, too, had a their horses and then got into a small was killed near Guierra, sixty miles west of Santa Ysabel, in Chihuahua. a caboose. On account of wet wood | The department was further informfuel and caution of the military train, ed that the band which killed the it took us six hours to get to Santa party of Americans was commanded and Beltran. General Revna also was perature. said to have been in command of a party of the Mexican force. According to the dispatches, 85 men were force of about 500 men was reported near the scene, apparently held in reserve. After killing the Americans, today's dispatches said, the Mexicans policy of the national government" was four more in box cars behind. But robbed the train and later retired in

Troop Trains in Pursuit. Collector Cobb said he had been informed that troop trains had been from Juarez and the other from Chi-

Another dispatch to the department said General Villa recently had been seen near Chihuahua, but his present whereabouts was unknown. Senator Sheppard today received a telegram from Dr. C. C. Young of El Paso stating that the dead Americans had been invited into the country by General Obregon. Senator Sheppard said he would lay the message before the state department.

by Villa troops at we could dimly see the wrecked train Petition From Texas Citizens to Be Forwarded Making Appeal for Prompt Action by Congress.

SHOCKED BY MURDERS

Horror of Events in Mexico and Criminal Apathy of Administration Tries Peoples' Loyalty.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 13.-A telegram to Theodore Roosevelt, appealing to him to use his influence with congress to bring about "a change in the policy of this government that so far has refused to exercise its paternal duty of American life and property abroad, was circulated here today for signatures. It was proposed to send it to him later. Persons with interests in Mexico were not permitted to sign it. The text of the proposed message follows:

Bay, Long Island, N. Y.:

People Are Shocked.
"Sir-Shocked at the horror of vents in Mexico and the wanton murder of eighteen worthy, representative Americans in the state of Chibushua, we appeal to you and request the use of your powerful influence on congress to bring about a change in the policy of this government that so far has re- and his companion, badly frozen, was fused to exercise its paternal duty of protecting American life and property

"The time has come when only con- graphic service is badly demoralized, pation of the Greek island by the commission entirely.

nal apathy of the administration in de-nying respect for the American flag and the unfortunates who vainly depend upon its protection.

Events at Border Try Loyalty.
"Events along the border and in
Mexico have been trials on the loyalty and good will of the bravest. From day to day chimerical and temporary expediences and policies have been re sorted to by the administration until now the bounds of restraint on the part of well-meaning Americans are reaching the elastic limit of tolerance and endurance, and we appeal to your well-known patriotism in asking you to most vigorously support a new and effective policy which will insure to peaceful Americans in Mexico that protection due them under the constitution and under any trustworthy gov

Horrible Butcheries. "The Mexican issue is not a political one and we can not insult the American nation by subscribing to the maxim that we are 'too proud to fight' in defense of our helpless citizens who are thus horribly butchered in a for-

"The solution of this great international problem must now rest with the congress where your influence is known to be a power, and we respect-fully request your aid in bringing about a settlement if other international complications do not stand in the way of just and speedy action."

Stockmen and Fruit Growers in Middlewest Fear Heavy Losses-35 Below at Dodge City.

SLEET BREAKS WIRES

Disordered Train Service and Telephone Communication -Mercury Still Dropping.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 13.—The west on the wings of a seventy-mile wind, stretched itself all over the southwest today and dipped its southern fringe into the Gulf of Mexico. Temperatures ranged from 22 degrees below zero at Omaha, Nebraska, to 26 degrees above at Corpus Christi, Texas. Yesterday Corpus Christi was basking in soushine with the mercury drop of 28 overnight.

With diminishing winds, the worst of the storm has passed, according to the local weather bureau. This morn- don .- The important railroad bridge ing there was strong winds and the Lopez observer saw a slowly ascending tem-

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 13.-The outhwest experienced last night its coldest weather in years and awoke this morning to sub-zero temperature with a vision of troubles, a day full of bursted water pipes, scanty gas disordered train schedules and de moralized wire communications.

Suffering and property loss contri buted to the cold wave was accentuated by the apparently mild weather up to this time. Stockmen and fruit growers particularly expressed fear We inter- pursuit of the bandits, one going of large losses, the former because many cattle had not been removed from pasture when snow and sleet. driven by an icy wind, began falling on the ranges and the latter because fruit trees had begun developing un- line to the Doiran zone proceeded all usually large and tender buds, under the warm winter sun.

One Death Reported Despite the abnormal temperatures and blizzard conditions only one death directly due to the severe weather had been reported early today. John Cook, 68 years-old, a laborer, was found in a snowdrift in St. Joseph, Was Mo., and died of exposure.

Kansas last night reached the coldpoint in the southwest. Dodge City, thermometers registered 35 de grees below zero. Many other places uffered in temperatures of zero to 20 below

Telegraph and telephone communication through Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa and Nebraska was be set with difficulties because of the sleet torn wires. In Kansas City an unofficial temperature of nine below was reached at midnight with the mercury still

dropping. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13.-The unusually heavy snowfall and severe cold snap in Washington and Oregon have resulted, it became known today, in the shutting down of many logging camps and saw mills. More than 2,-

000 loggers in the Gray's harbor reg ion alone have been thrown tempor arily out of employment. At Malta, Mont., yesterday the tem perature dropped to 58 degrees below

Freighter Piled Up in Storm Victoria, B. C., Jan. 13.—The Jap-nese freighter Kenkon Maru III, anese which piled up in a snowstorm on a reef yesterday between Mayne and Saturna Islands at the entrance to Active Pass, B. C., probably will be

refloated, according to reports received today. A salvage steamer and scows are standing by to lighter part of her deckload, which consists of "Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Oyster heavy railroad equipment consigned to Vladivostock from Seattle, Wash. Thirty-three Degrees Below. Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 13 .- Thirtythree degrees below zero was the temperature officially recorded here last night, the coldest for several years.

> lying on the ground nearby. Much suffering has been reported through this section and all

Robert Jacobson, a farmer living near

Salem, was found dead in his buggy

Germans-Montenegrins Make Stout Fight Against Au trians Although Outnumbered Five to One-Turke Will Join Teutonic Allies in Attacking Entente Armies at Saloniki—Queen of Greece Is Summoned to Bedside of Brother, Emperor William, Who Is Reported Critically Ill.

Fighting in Champagne and Near Armentieres Favorab

FRENCH ONSLAUGHTS ARE RE

Berlin, Jan. 13, by wireless to Sayville.—A strong I ish attack near Armentieres and two French onslaughts in Champagne were repulsed by the Germans, the war office announced today.

London, Jan. 13.—A wireless dispatch from Rome says that Queen Sophia of Greece has been summoned to the bedside of her brother, Emperor William, whose illness scribed as serious. The queen, the message says, is to cenart at once for Berlin.

New York, Jan. 13.-The new Leyland liner Humian from Galveston was torpedoed on December 29 off the coast, according to reports current in shipping circles The International Mercantile Marine said they had receive cablegram stating that the Huronian had met with injury and had been towed into port, but the message did not state what had caused the damage.

The Huronian sailed from Galveston bound for Liverpool on December 12. She was reported to have encountered a submarine not far from the spot where the Lusitania and Arabic were sunk. She was built in 1915 in Glasgow. Sh was 475 feet long and her registered gross tonnage is 8,76 foore,

The Huronian carried a cargo consisting chiefly of associaton, corn and wheat valued at over \$1,000,000, accorded district her published manifests.

Paris, Jan. 13.—In view of the suc-cess of the Austrian offensive against has, it is reported, already Mount Lovcen, measures have been taken by the Montenegrin government to evacuate Cenninje immediately, according to a Scutari dispatch, says the Petit Journal's Milan corr spondent.

The government, however, has de ided to continue the struggle against the Austrians, the dispatch adds.

French Blow Up Bridge. Saloniki, Greece, Jan. 13, via Lonover the Struma river at Demir Hsiar has been blown up by French engineers as a precautionary measure, Austrian Forces Advancing.

Paris, Jan. 13.-Austrian forces ad oncing from Cattaro and Budna have reached Mitchitze, five miles from Antivari, which is being bombarded by the Austrian long range guns, according to a dispatch to L'Ouevre, under Tuesday's date.

Teuton Attack on Large Scale.

Rome, Jan. 13, via Paris.-The at tack of the Teutonic allies on the entente forces defending Saloniki Is being developed on a large scale, ac- ens, has protested against the occu cording to the Athens correspondent of the Giornale d'Italia, telegraphing under Tuesday's date. He reports that a bombardment of the British day Monday.

Turks to Fight Allies. Rome, Jan 13 .- The German commander of the attacking forces at Saloniki says the correspondent will make use of Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish forces. The participation of the Turks has been doubtful, he adds, but it is now certain that they will be included in the atacking army.

Montenegrins Make Strong Fight. Paris, Jan. 13 .- The correspondent elegraphing from Scutari says that the Montenegrins, aided by Serbian contingents, are making a strong re sistance, although outnumbered five to one.

London, Jan. 13 .- The news from the eastern front of the capture of Sadagura is regarded in military circles as probably true, although official announcement on the subject has not been received.

The town just northwest of Czerno witz, is a converging point for five good roads, and is of great strategic importance. Prior attempts to capture it have been stoutly resisted. Russian Offensive Not Suspended.

The report from Petrograd that the offensive in Galicia and Bessarabia had been suspended for the present is regarded as at least premature. Russian offensive could not, it is believed, be suspended suddenly as it was undertaken after careful preparations and launched with unexpected strength. The object of that offensive is said to be three-fold: To demonstrate to the Rumanians that the Russian forces are able to assume the initiative when they choose; secondly to divert Austro-German forces from the Balkans, the western front, and finally to improve the general strategic position of their left flank. While the full effect of this Russian offensive cannot yet be determined, entente military experts affirm that the second object was attained, that the situation in the Bal-

the operation undertaken by the Germans against the French in Champagne was robbed of its force. Greek Government Protests The fact that the French flag is now waving over the palace on the island of Corfu, which belonged to the

kans was sensibly relieved and that

entente is considered as supervision has, it is reported, already even we deer protest from the Greek govern of edit is said that the protest is ignated. formal and that the allies ha loust the Greece guarantees regarding Stand tentions. Greece, it is und tente action as it is for the of preventing the Serbian at

German Offensive on Big Sci The German offensive in pagne which reached its culn Sunday is insistently reported undertaken on an important so with a definite military purpos failure is declared to have be plete and the strong German which were employed suffered terr:

risking the danger of starvation

osses. The Austrian forces are steadily de veloping their campaign in Montenegro and military experts believe fall of Cettinje, the capital of Montenegro, is possible soon.

Greece Enters Protest.

London, Jan. 13 .- The Greek got ernment, says a dispatch from Athpation of the island of Corfu by the entente powers. It is believed in Ath ens that the arrest of the Austrian and German consuls at Corfu is cer tain to follow.

The correspondent telegraphs British and French ships have I in Albania to obtain supplies for 150, 000 Serbians.

All Railroad Traffic Serie Delayed in Middlewest Great Storm.

EXTREME SUFFERING

Snow, High Winds and Temperatures Still Pres -Canada Ice-bound

Chicago, Jan. 13.—The storm began yesterday in the middle continued today, snow, high wir high temperatures prevailing o branska, the Dakotas, Minneso

Wisconsin. From the Canadian northwest also came reports of unusually temperatures, the thermome Prince Albert, Saskatchewan,

to 58 below zero. According to meager reports Iowa, the Dakotas and Minnes the worst sufferers on account 0

heavy snow fall and the lower peratures. St. Paul reported 33 degrees zero, Hannah, N. D., 53 below and Des Moines, Iowa, 22 below.

Railroad traffic west of has been seriously delayed many instances trains have abandoned. At Council Bluffs, more than twenty passenger are stalled, unable to move in direction.

Telegraph and telephone cation with the west was prac shut off early today, all compa tele- German emperor and that the occu- porting that regular routes ar